



## **KING WEEK SAN ANTONIO: UNITING COMMUNITIES TO ADVANCE HUMANITY**

### **2016 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

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**THE 2016 CITY OF SAN ANTONIO MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMEMORATION MARKS THE 29TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CITY'S CELEBRATION OF THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF DR. KING. JOIN ONE OF THE LARGEST MARCHES AND COMMEMORATIONS IN THE U.S. AIMED AT HONORING AND CONTINUING DR. KING'S LEGACY.**

**ALL EVENTS ARE FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

#### **Saturday, January 9, 2016**

##### **Oratorical Contest**

1 p.m.

Second Baptist Church, 3310 E. Commerce St.

Presented by the San Antonio National Pan Hellenic Council in partnership with the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, this oratorical contest features junior high and high school students presenting speeches and competing for awards and prizes. For more information, contact Karl Nicholas at [NICHOLASKP@aol.com](mailto:NICHOLASKP@aol.com).

#### **Monday, January 11, 2016**

##### **San Antonio Martin Luther King Jr. Commission Film Series: "Selma" with Guest Speaker Peggy Wallace Kennedy**

6 p.m.

The Carver Community Cultural Center, 226 N. Hackberry

The San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission presents a screening of the 2014 film "Selma," directed by Ava DuVernay and starring Oprah Winfrey and David Oyelowo. The film chronicles Dr. King's campaign for equal voting rights, including the historic march from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama in 1965. Immediately following the film screening, Peggy Wallace Kennedy, daughter of former Alabama Governor George C. Wallace, will share her personal journey to redemption and her first-hand account of race and politics in the American South. Seating is limited and tickets are required. Free tickets are available at [www.thecarver.org](http://www.thecarver.org).

#### **Tuesday, January 12, 2016**

##### **Nonviolent Social Change Symposium: Poverty, Racism and Violence**

7 p.m.

The Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Auditorium Circle

The Nonviolent Social Change Symposium provides a unique opportunity for the local community, especially area students, to engage in a timely and thought-provoking forum. The symposium features Fox News Channel anchor, Arthel Neville, as the event moderator and three nationally-renowned

panelists covering the topics of poverty, racism and violence: Henry Cisneros (Former HUD Secretary), Dara Silverman (National Coordinator for Showing Up for Racial Justice), and Benjamin Crump (President of the National Bar Association). Free and open to the public.

**Wednesday, January 13, 2016**

**JD Lawrence Presents, "Martin, Malcolm and Me"**

7 p.m.

The Carver Community Cultural Center, 226 N. Hackberry

The San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission welcomes nationally-acclaimed writer/director JD Lawrence who presents his stage play, "Martin, Malcolm and Me." The production tells the story of a chance meeting between Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr. and a young black man whose brother is wrongfully killed by police. "Martin, Malcolm and Me," has been performed in cities across the country. All proceeds benefit the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Scholarship Fund. Tickets may be purchased through the Carver Box Office or Ticketmaster.

**Thursday, January 14, 2016**

**MLK, Jr. Commemorative Lecture Speaker: Dr. Freeman Hrabowski**

7:30 p.m.

Trinity University (Laurie Auditorium), One Trinity Place

Trinity University and the San Antonio MLK Jr. Commission present the 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Commemorative Lecture featuring keynote speaker, Dr. Freeman Hrabowski. Dr. Hrabowski, President of the University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) since 1992, was a child-leader in the Civil Rights Movement and was prominently featured in Spike Lee's 1997 documentary, "Four Little Girls," on the racially-motivated bombing in 1963 of Birmingham's Sixteenth Street Baptist Church. Free and open to the public.

**Friday, January 15, 2016**

**Arts Gala in Honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. featuring the San Antonio Symphony**

8 p.m.

The Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Auditorium Circle

In honor of Dr. King's birthday, the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission proudly presents this first-time event in partnership with the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts and the San Antonio Symphony, who will perform music from the Civil Rights Movement. The evening will also include the official announcement of the Commission's 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Distinguished Achievement Award winner. Tickets may be purchased through the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts.

**Saturday, January 16, 2016**

**My City, Our Community Youth Summit**

9 a.m.-3 p.m.

St. Philip's College (Watson Fine Arts Center), 1801 Martin Luther King Drive

San Antonio youth will have a unique opportunity to take part in a one-day summit featuring dynamic guest speakers and interactive sessions designed to provoke thought and discussion. Presented by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, the summit also will feature a special performance by rapper and spoken word poet, J. Ivy – a Grammy-award winner and three-time HBO Def Poet. The keynote speaker is South Carolina State Representative Bakari Sellers, the youngest person ever elected to office, and a current CNN contributor. Complimentary lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Dr. Mateen Diop at 210-858-7212. Free and open to the public.

**Saturday, January 16, 2016**

**Alpha Educational Foundation 2016 Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast**

9 a.m.

DoubleTree by Hilton San Antonio Airport, 37 NE Loop 410

The Delta Rho Lambda Chapter's Alpha Educational Fund of SA, Inc. of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. hosts its annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Breakfast. The event will feature a keynote presentation by Congressman Joaquin Castro. For more information or ticket prices, visit [deltarholambda.com](http://deltarholambda.com) or call 210-508-7324.

### **Saturday, January 16, 2016**

#### **Teen Acting Workshop**

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

The Playhouse San Antonio, 800 W. Ashby Place

The San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission presents a workshop for teens featuring writer/director JD Lawrence, creator of the stage play, "Martin, Malcolm and Me." Teens will learn about acting, writing, production and more from industry professionals. Free and open to the public.

### **Saturday, January 16, 2016**

#### **San Antonio Northwest Civic and Social Club 21<sup>st</sup> Annual MLK, Jr. Birthday Celebration**

6 p.m.

Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland (Gateway Club), 2150 Kenly Drive

The San Antonio Northwest Civic and Social Club, as a partner of San Antonio Martin Luther King Jr. Commission, invites the community to the 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Martin Luther King, Jr., Birthday Celebration honoring the life, struggles and accomplishments of Dr. King. Donation is \$30 for a full course meal, keynote speaker, entertainment and a dance. Dress is semi-formal. The event will feature a prominent guest speaker: Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson, Pastor, Second Baptist Church, Retired USAF Chaplain, Colonel. Tickets must be purchased five days before the event. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contact Van Johnson, 210-364-8317 for tickets and base access.

### **Sunday, January 17, 2016**

#### **Wreath-Laying Ceremony**

2 p.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza, Intersection of E. Houston and N. New Braunfels

The San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission invites the community to the commission's annual Wreath-laying Ceremony honoring the life, struggles and accomplishments of Dr. King. Businesses and organizations will lay wreaths at the MLK, Jr. statue in commemoration. The event also will feature a keynote presentation by Thomas Todd, an activist and civil rights attorney who was the first full-time African American law professor at Northwestern University. Free and open to the public.

### **Sunday, January 17, 2016**

#### **Citywide Interfaith Worship Service**

4 p.m.

St. Gerard Catholic Church, 1523 Iowa

The 29th Annual Citywide Interfaith Worship Service, presented by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, will feature several invited guest speakers who will present on various topics of faith and the legacy of Dr. King. A keynote speech will be presented by Justice Jason Pulliam. Free and open to the public.

### **Sunday, January 17, 2016**

#### **Third Annual Gospel Choir Extravaganza**

6 p.m.

True Vision Church, 2826 Ackerman Rd.

The Gospel Choir Extravaganza, in partnership with the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, features various choirs competing for cash and prizes. The event features guest artist Isaac Carree, and proceeds benefit MLK, Jr. Commission Scholarship. Advance tickets - \$15, at the door - \$20. To purchase tickets and for more information, [gospelcompete.com](http://gospelcompete.com) or 210-730-1555.

**Monday, January 18, 2016**

**MLK, Jr. Pre-March Civil Rights for Kids Experience**

8-10 a.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy, 3501 Martin Luther King Drive

The MLK, Jr. Pre-March Civil Rights for Kids Experience provides an opportunity for youth of all ages to learn about our nation's history, discuss current events, and brainstorm how they can make a difference in the community. Presented by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, the event will include a visual civil rights timeline, writing personal mission statements, creating banners and more. Free and open to the public.

**Monday, January 18, 2016**

**Charles R. Drew Blood Drive**

8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa

The Psi Alpha Chapter of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity Inc., and the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center host this annual blood drive. A one-pint blood donation benefits three other recipients. A picture ID is required from all donors. For more information, contact Eddie Chew, 210-725-6506, or K.D. Singleton, 210-363-7084.

**Monday, January 18, 2016**

**Literacy Caravan**

8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa

The San Antonio Library Foundation, in partnership with the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, will host this mobile classroom van on-site at the Commemorative Program to provide educational resources for the community. For more information on the literacy caravan, visit [www.sapl.org](http://www.sapl.org). Free and open to the public.

**Monday, January 18, 2016**

**Voter Registration**

8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa

The Neighborhoods First Alliance, in partnership with the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, will provide a voter registration area during the Commemorative Program for residents to register to vote and attain voting information. Free and open to the public.

**Monday, January 18, 2016**

**Early Morning Worship Program**

9:30-11:30 a.m.

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa

The community is invited to enjoy a positive and uplifting experience during the Early Morning Worship Program. Presented by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, the event features contemporary and traditional musical artists, inspirational and motivational dances and spoken word performances. Free and open to the public.

**Monday, January 18, 2016**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. March**

Begins at 10 a.m.

Martin Luther King, Jr. Academy, 3501 Martin Luther King Drive

The annual march, organized and presented by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission and the City of San Antonio, begins at the MLK, Jr. Academy and ends at Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa. The nearly 3-mile route down Martin Luther King Drive takes participants through San Antonio's historic East Side in remembrance of Dr. King. In 2015, more than 200,000 people participated in the march as part of an unforgettable experience that has become one of San Antonio's signature events. For route information or VIA Park & Ride details, visit [www.sanantonio.gov/mlk](http://www.sanantonio.gov/mlk).

**Monday, January 18, 2016**

**Commemorative Program**

Noon-1:30 p.m.

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa

The San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission's Commemorative program is one of the highlights of King Week San Antonio and of the annual commemoration honoring Dr. King. The program will feature a keynote address by award-winning actor and author Hill Harper, a performance by Stellar Award-winning Gospel artist Isaac Carree, and Jeremy Green, a classically-trained violinist and San Antonio native. The presentation of the Baha'i Unity of Humanity Award and the Rev. R.A. Callies Courage Award are also part of the program's highlights. Free and open to the public.

**Monday, January 18, 2016**

**King Week Concert**

1:30-3:30 p.m.

Pittman-Sullivan Park, 1101 Iowa

The newest addition to San Antonio's annual commemoration of Dr. King is the King Week Concert serving as the finale to King Week 2016. Presented by the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, this high-energy concert, immediately following the Commemorative Program, will unify different genres of music performed by local and national artists celebrating the influence music has had on social change. Free and open to the public.

**Friday, January 22, 2016**

**Dream Major Gala**

6:30-11:30 p.m.

Omni Hotel San Antonio at the Colonnade, 821 Colonnade Boulevard

In commemoration of the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Pi Theta Lambda Chapter, in partnership with the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, presents the 3rd Annual DREAM MAJOR © Gala to benefit the Pi Theta Lambda Educational Foundation, Inc. Keynote speaker for the event will be Justice Jason Pulliam, Fourth Court of Appeals, in San Antonio. The formal evening will also feature the Esprit de Martin Dinner and live entertainment. For more information, visit [www.dream-major.org](http://www.dream-major.org).

**Thursday, January 28, 2016**

**MLK Distinguished Lecture Series: Icon Talks Presents An Evening of Music & Conversation with Chaka Khan**

8 p.m.

The Tobin Center for the Performing Arts, 100 Auditorium Circle

Icon Talks and its charitable counterpart, Icon to Icon (in conjunction with the San Antonio MLK, Jr. Commission), features this monumental event. Ten-time Grammy-winning music artist, author and

producer, Chaka Khan, articulates the message of “success to significance.” Khan will share her journey of rising to prominence and celebrity as one of the most iconic artists of all time. Khan further will address the intimate audience by explaining her recognized core keys to success and highlighting monumental differences between success and significance. The event also includes a private concert for attendees. Proceeds from this event will directly benefit Icon Talks’ charitable counterpart, Icon to Icon, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization in San Antonio. Tickets may be purchased through the Tobin Center for the Performing Arts.

**Thursday, February 11, 2016**

**MLK Distinguished Lecture Series: LeVar Burton**

11 a.m.

St. Philip's College, 1801 Martin Luther King Drive

St. Philip’s College, in partnership with the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission, presents a conversation with LeVar Burton, award-winning actor, director, producer and author. Burton is best known for his role in “Roots” and as the host and executive producer of the long-running PBS children’s series, “Reading Rainbow.” Free and open to the public.

**Monday, February 29, 2016**

**MLK Distinguished Lecture Series: Dr. George C. Wright**

3 p.m.

UTSA Main Campus University Center, Retama Auditorium

Scholar, author, and community activist, Dr. George C. Wright will serve as Distinguished Lecturer for this special presentation hosted by the University of Texas at San Antonio (UTSA) and the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission. Dr. Wright has written numerous books on race relations including his award-winning, “Racial Violence in Kentucky, 1865-1940: Lynchings, Mob Rule and Legal Lynchings.” Free and open to the public.

**Tuesday, April 19, 2016**

**MLK Distinguished Lecture Series: Damon Tweedy, MD**

Noon

UT Health Science Center Holly Auditorium, 7703 Floyd Curl Drive

The University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio, in partnership with the San Antonio Martin Luther King, Jr. Commission present, “Black Man in a White Coat: A Doctor’s Reflections on Race and Medicine,” featuring Damon Tweedy, MD. The presentation is part of the MLK, Jr. Commission’s Distinguished Lecture Series. Free and open to the public.

**For the latest information on events and updates, visit [SanAntonio.gov/MLK](http://SanAntonio.gov/MLK)**

**San Antonio Public Library**

**Martin Luther King, Jr. / Black History Month Calendar of Events**

February is Black History Month, an annual reflection of the importance of black history to the American story. The San Antonio Public Library will host events and discussions throughout the month that take a modern look at the historical narrative.

Events will take place at various branch locations throughout the city. Visit [MySAPL.org](http://MySAPL.org) for a complete list of events and more information.